ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Personal and Literary. -Mrs. Mary G. Gale, of Manchester, N. H., left \$50,000 to found a home for

aged and indigent women. Mrs. Bayard Taylor is making the translation for her husband's "Book for Boys," which will be published in Germany.

-Mrs. E. B. Granniss, a quiet little bundle of energy weighing only 90 pounds, is editor and proprietor of the Church Union. She holds tight reins, and in her team of assistants drives seven doctors of divinity tandem.

-Charles Fenno Hoffman, a noted litterateur of the old Knickerbocker Magazine days, recently reported dead, is still living at the age of 70, in the State Lunatic Asylum at Harrisburg, Pa., and his insanity is less obtrusive than for many years. It is now 26 years since his retirement from the

ly known She has lectured 120 times ment. during the season, it is said, and has paid off the last of the debt of \$10,000 the failure of the Revolution. In the days of its weakness, Miss Anthony courageously took the Revolution, and years after its failure to pay its debts, at saw. Before the horror-stricken worka time when thousands of men avail men could reach McCann's side his left of his employer's property. His bition of moral sensitiveness and per- and presenting a spectacle of a most turn the next day. At a subsequent human nature so keenly .- Demorest's not crazy.

School and Church.

-The debts of 3: of the fine churches in New York City make a total of about \$1,500,000.

-Three colored men have been ordained preachers of the Lutheran they couldn't. Church in North Carolina.

-At Los Angeles, Cal., eight Chinamen have recently been baptized and received into the Presbyterian Church. Three of them were attacked and severely beaten by other Chinamen in consequence.

ferences have voted in favor of the con- hair-pins and a spare shoe-lace into the vention which will meet next year to first shaving mug she sees. Women consummate the union of the Metho- are better than men in this respect. dist and Methodist Protestant Churches. were divided by the late War.

-At a certain Normal College the young ladies who are candidates for graduation are obliged, before receiving a diploma, to spell correctly the following list of words: Anomalous, analogous, banditti, bigoted, capillary, rain, nutricious, Olympian, pharmaceutical, pleurisy, sacerdotal, sarsaparilla, tortoise, vitreous, vici-situde.

Heraid.

—Every four-corners has a revival in its school-house now, but the fact that the wood drawers still continue to put zephyr, Zouave, bacchanal, Portuguese, nati. We commend the list as good loads leads us to infer that the mild inpractice for any body.

Bishop Janes, of the Methodist Episcoference. The following order was thus tom." Cincinnati; and Bishop Merrill, at Chi- two years .- Hawk-eye. cago. The places of residence of Bish-

Science and Industry.

ous in that.

-San Francisco will lay 130 miles of pipe from the Sierra Mountains to the Water-works. The iron is ordered from ob you goin' to see Moody and Sankey. walk, with the intention of leaving h St. Louis.

out 3,000 bales compressed, at 13-32 of a penny per pound, or about \$13,150 freight for the cargo.

-In southern Utah, from a silver mine of considerable depth, petrified wood is taken, in which there is chloride of silver worth nearly \$1,000 a ton. The formation is sandstone, out of that the deposit of silver was made subsequently to the surrounding of the wood by the sand that afterward became the sandstone.

-Connoisseurs of cigars are making the discovery that Brazil affords an article equal to if not surpassing the best Havanas. A tobacco trade of 36,000,-000 pounds per annum has already grown up between that country and the United States, and the competition with Cuba will tend, probably, to lower the price of the world-renowned cigar of that island. There was a good display burgh has another daughter. That and he is a Kellogg man of course. Fin: at the Exposition of the variety of cigars grown and manufactured in the province of Bahia, and costing there province of Bahia, and costing there three of whom are living. The Duchfrom \$25 to \$30 per thousand, and have ess of Edinburgh is very regular in her ing all the characteristics of Havana habits. Her first child was born in Oc--cigars.

-An exchange gives information concerning a method in practice among the best English butter-makers for ren- -the bright little paper issued from dering butter firm and solid during hot the woman's department of the Centenweather. One teaspoonful of carbonate nial-is to be continued; and an organof soda and one teaspoonful of powder- ization called the Woman's Centennial Paris. The authorities pay 10 ed alum are mixed, and at the time of League is to be formed, with the varichurning put into such a quantity of ous Centennial Committees and the ex- Seine, and money derived f cream as will make about twenty pounds hibitors in the Woman's Pavilion as a source is no inconsiderable a of butter. The effect of this powder is nucleus.

to cause the butter to come firm and time when it is used.

Haps and Mishaps.

-A foolish lad, residing in the family of John Moulton, a butcher, at Gorfant, and, imitating what he had seen, he killed the child, skinned the body, and cut and hung it up.

-Gustave Fettig, a young man of Delphos, O., having been out on a hunting excursion, returned home, and, wishing to unload his gun, discharged its contents at random into one of the out-buildings. His aunt, Mrs. Wibergall, an aged lady, who was occupying lect. the building at the time, received the shot, most of them entering about the head. Her injuries were supposed to be fatal.

works of Milton Frost, at Detroit, Mich., recital by the great revivalist of the exploded on the 7th, instantly killing a story of a man who had robbed his emboy named August McRodge, breaking ployer of some \$8,000 and fled to this the leg of a workman named Joseph city. Through the mysterious workings Dowe, and badly scalding Reuben Bry- of Providence the man strolled into the an. There were also some miner casual- Tabernacle, where he became fascinatties and a bad wreck of a valuable ed with Mr. Moody's description of provided the system of popular election re--Miss Susan B. Anthony has done a property, by which several hundred the willingness of Christ to save the mains. But if the process has been tampernoble thing, which deserves to be wide- workmen are thrown out of employ- most hardened sinner. At the conclu- ed with, and the system itself undermined.

McCann, formerly a soldier of Com- ers, thinking that he was under convicwhich she was compelled to assume in pany H, 20th United States Infantry, tion, bade him go to the inquiry-room, committed suicide by throwing himself on a buzz saw attached to wood-sawing Moo ly, to whom he confessed his crime machinery. He stood watching the and the circumstraces which led to its became financially responsible for it. operations, and suddenly rushed up, That she has felt obliged to work for throwing his head down in front of the themselves of the privileges of the head was fairly severed, leaving the appeal to the man's better instincts was Bankrupt act, is a phenomenal exhi- two bleeding parts hanging to the neck, socal honor. A woman is thoroughly ghastly and sickening description. Mc- meeting Mr. Moody informed the conqualified to plead for the claims of her Cann was serving out a term of milita- gregation that he had received a letter own sex when she respects the rights of ry imprisonment for desertion, and was from the wretched man, in which he

Odds and Ends.

-When Tom Thumb voted at the last election three year-old Connecticut boys stood around and looked disgusted because that little shrimp could and

-In carving a turkey in the presence of strangers it is a breach of etiquette that he had been sentenced to a brief to stop more than twice to spit on your hands and get a new hold .- Norristown

-There are some delicate im-

These two Churches, originally one, waving motion of the feelers of the striving to grasp a vanishing idea.

-The King of the Fiji Islands has Harrisburgh, Pa. been presented with a pair of suspendanalogous, banditti, bigoted, capillary, chloroform, crystallize, desecrated, ecstacy, edible, embarrassment, farinace-ous, Glycerine, hemorrhage, impaneled, lachrymal, liquefy, marauder, murded and lachrymal, liquefy, marauder, murded and lightly specification of the description of the votes actually cast, and charges are not more than \$5, pay on the fith of November we invited these contemptible to find lodgment among the got along without 'em.—Norristown of the votes actually cast, and charges are not more than \$5, pay on the fith of November we invited these contemptible to find lodgment among the got along without 'em.—Norristown of the votes actually cast, and charges are not more than \$5, pay on the fith of November we invited these contemptible to find lodgment among the got along without 'em.—Norristown of the votes actually cast, and charges are not more than \$5, pay on the fith of November we invited these contemptible to find lodgment among the specification of the votes actually cast, and charges are not more than \$5, pay on the fith of November we invited these contemptible to find lodgment among the specific specific to the specific specifi ed, lachrymal, liquefy, marauder, mur- got along without 'em.-Norristown

the wood-drawers still continue to put fluence of prayer is falling short of its -On account of the death of the late | perfect work .- Fulton Times.

-A little boy was asked what time it pal Church, there is now no Methodist was. He answered "Twelve." "I Bishop resident in New York. At the thought it was later than that," replied recent annual meeting of the Board of the questioner. "It don't never git no Bishops the places of their residence more than that in these diggins," rewere therefore readjusted, the right of plied the youngster. "Jest as soon as it choice going by seniority, according to gits up to twelve it starts at one agin; the rule adopted by the General Con- don't never git no higher in this bot-

settled upon: Bishop Scott, the senior -Miss Reeve, Superintendent of Bishop, will live at Odessa, Del.; Bish-Schools in Franklin County, has resignop Simpson, the next in seniority, at |ed to accept the superintendency of one | Philadelphia; Bishop Ames, at Balti- man. The work will be harder and the more; Bishop Bowman, at St. Louis; salary smaller, but then the situation is Bishop Harris, at New York; Bishop more permanent, and she won't have to Foster, at Boston; Bishop Wiley, at canvass the county for re-election every

-There is no nonsense about So- for children, and they ops Andrews, Haven, and Peck were journer Truth. She especially criticises proper that blind or not determined upon, they being ab- the white women, because with all their should be killed. Se privileges of culture and professions of little girl was sick w Ceristianity they accomplish so little when she got well it -American sewing-machines which sell for \$65 here are shipped to England and sold for \$20. Something curious in that.

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Ceristiantly they accomplish so little unselfish good. To one audience she said: "Wid all your opportunities for readin' an' writin' you do not take hold any that. what you are in the world for." And manner until he consented to get rid to another; "What for you all rushin' the child. He called the little thing to hear Moody and Sankey? Ebery one him one day and took her out for What you 'spec-dat dose two men go- in a thicket either to starve or to ! The ship Galatia, which has been chartered to convey a cargo of cotton from Richmond to Liverpool, will take from Richmond to Liverpool, will take ers, God wants."

Foreign Notes

-It is a costly honor to be Lord Mayor of London. It cost the last incumbent of the office about \$85,000 to maintain its dignity, which sum is said to be \$25,000 less than it cost Sir A. mother had to submit, and now the girls is 15 years of age, and has learned to compare the sum is 15 years of age, and has learned to compare the sum is 15 years of age, and has learned to compare the sum is 15 years of age, and has learned to compare the sum is 15 years of age, and has learned to compare the sum is 15 years of age, and has learned to compare the sum is 15 years of age, and has learned to compare the sum is 15 years of age, and has learned to compare the sum is 15 years of age, and has learned to compare the sum is 15 years of age, and has learned to compare the sum is 15 years of age, and has learned to compare the sum is 15 years of age, and has learned to compare the sum is 15 years of age, and has learned to compare the sum is 15 years of age, and has learned to compare the sum is 15 years of age, and has learned to compare the sum is 15 years of age. which horn-silver is taken. This shows Lusk. The salary of the office is not more than \$25,000.

-Sir Curtis Lampton is believed to be the only instance of an American accepting and bearing an English title since the independence of the colonles. Sir Curtis, a great friend of George Peabody's, who spent the last year of his life in his house, acquired a large fortune in the fur and iron trades, and took a leading part in the first Atlatic

Cable Company. -Tally 37. The Duchess of Edintober, 1874; her second in October, 1875, and her third in November, 1876.

-The publication of the New Century

-The unfortunate ex-Empress Charsolid and sweet-flavored. Its action is lotte of Mexico, who at present is cared upon the cream, and passes off with the for in a castle near Brussels, is or prebuttermilk. The ingredients of the tends to be perfectly oblivious of every powder should not be mixed until the thing and every body around her, and holds conversations only with imaginary persons. When the Belgian King and Queen visit her she first gazes at them distractedly and then turns her back to them. Her distaste to society ham, Me., was left in charge of an in- is so great that she will not even permit her maid to dress her. Her memory regarding some things is, nevertheless, remarkable. On certain days she orders her bath to be got ready; this she does by writing an order on a slip of paper, and laying it where it will be seen; if her request is not attended to. the order will be repeated in the same manner and attention called to the neg-

A Revival Incident.

Those of our readers who have constantly attended the Moody meetings -The boiler in the wooden-ware at the Tabernacle will remember the sion of the service he remained rooted. -At Fort Snelling, on the 7th, James as it were, to his seat. One of the ushcommission. Mr. Moody talked with him, prayed with him, and begged him to return and restore what he had stated that he felt satisfied that Christ had pardoned him, and henceforward he should lead an exemplary life. A tter received here yesterday from kron, O., brings the intelligence that he man, whose name is San Jose Banker, had returned to that town and confessed his crime; that he had placed returned to the defrauded employer; imprisonment, and that influential friends were working to obtain his parsensation of the affair, and acknowlpulses that a good woman can not re- edge that in one instance, at least, the -Eleven Methodist Protestant Con- sist; she can not hesitate to put three Moody revival has been productive of good results .- Chicago Tribune.

An Accommodating Hotel Clerk.

stifly bows and continues to brush kis diamond stud with a feather.

Scene H .- Time, one hour later .-Enter a small boy with heavy oblong zephyr, Zouave, bacchanal, Portuguese, the wood-drawers still continue to put package. He struggles up to hotel Piedmont, Valparaiso, Yenisei, Cincin-the best sticks on the outside of the counter, and says: "A bundle for Mr. Green. The charges are \$3.50."

Clerk drops his feather, and permits the diamond to dazzle the small boy's eyes. Then he takes the bundle, and

pays the small boy \$3.50. Scene III .- time, following day .-Fat clerk scratches his head with the feather and thinks of Mr. Green and the small boy, and the \$3.50. Then he opens the oblong bundle and discovers a brickbat in a paper box, with a note, saying: "This is the best Russian clay I could find."

Clerk exclaims, "Godelmity," and the proprietor of the hotel debits b' with \$3.50 .- New York Sun.

Children in China.

Chinese women bear n a hepless little one, and straightway r turned home with the child. Th mother was sorely disappointed to me the two again, but the father said 1 would rather labor twice as hard for livelinood and save the child's life. The so many things that there will be 1 trouble in getting her a husband.

The Approved Method of Running th Ontrage Mill.

The approved style of manufacturing ou rages at the South was well told in yeste day's Post by Dr. Redfield, in his letter the Cincinnati Commercial. To begin wit a parish that was sure to go Democratic a way was let wholly alone; that is, the R publicans were bidden to stay away fro the polls altogether. That is intimidatio Then the registrar manages to be out sight at the time appointed for registration edges. He also fires straight at a bia book and a file of letters in the breapocket, to show what it was that saved life. This is the way they get at an "he est count', in Louisiana, and really exp to set us all to fighting at the North in der to back up their silly rogueries. fellows need a treadmill more than any er kind of Returning Board -Boston

BODY-FINDING is a regular tr Paris. The authorities pay 10 the revenues of the waterme

A REPUBLICAN PROTEST.

Horace White, Formerly Editor of the Chicago Tribune, Denounces the Louisiana Returning Board Conspira-cy—He Says It Means the Abrogation of all Popular Elections—He Advises Hayes Not to be Counted In by Such a Monstrons Frond Monstrous Fraud.

To the Editor of the Chicago Tribune: Any result of the pending Presidential election which shall be reached without harm to the processes under which our elections are held and our institutions maintained will not only be acquiesced in by the people, but welcomed by the larger portion of both political parties. Any result which shall be reached by undermining those processes will be fraught with peril to the country and will bring condign punishment upon the party guilty of so grave a crime. Among the processes by which our insti-tutions are maintained, the most important is that of frequent popular elections, and the most important of all is the Presidential

election. We are now brought for the first time to a state of facts which threatens to substitute, in place of popular elections, the views of a Returning Board. This I call a threatened subversion of the processes by which our institutions are maintained, in comparison with which the election of Hayes or Tilden is of no consequence. Whether Hayes or Tilden is elected, the people can, within four years, resume their prerogative of choosing another President, provided the process of declaring their choice has not been tampered with. They can correct any errors that may have been committed meanwhile by Hayes or Tilden, then any thing may happen. The American Republic may become as unstable, and property here as insecure and social disorder as unbearable, as in Mexico or Vene-

We are told that the interference of a Returning Board in Louisiana is necessary on account of the intimidation of voters. It is precisely this interference which I challenge as a subversion of the processes by which our institutions are maintained. It is proposed to throw out the vote of A B because D is supposed to have intimidated E F It is only necessary to make this the rule hereafter and to secure its general adoption, not without effect. He promised to re- in order to dispense with elections entirely and to substitute in their places the views of thirty-seven Returning Boards. Intimidation will become the only element of any value in politics. Instead of discussing the civil service, the currency, the last war, or the next one, the office-seeking class will confine themselves wholly to intimidation. Intimidation will multiply,like the grasshoppers, and in a short time ravage the whole

What is intimidation? It is a word of very broad scope. It embraces every thing from the fear of death to the loss of social po-ition. It opens the door to every species of degradation that can be conceived \$3,000 in the hands of a lawyer to be of in politics, from individual cowardice to combined perjury. And over all it places an arbitrary and irresponsible tribunal to weigh the cowardice and to gauge the perjury, from whose judgments there is no appeal, not even to the people themselves. don. The Akron papers make quite a After A B and other honest citizens have cast their votes and gone about their busi-ness, CD and E F confederate together, the one to intimidate and the other to be intimidated, with a view to vitiating the election; that is, to disfranchise all the honest voters in the precinct. Why not? That is the logic of the new system of carrying elections by intimidation.

He writes on the register, "John Green,
Harrisburgh, Pa."

Young Man—I shall make a room this

pensive and certain as this? Is there any mode so likely to become popular with the class who live by politics? Is there any mode which so clearly and completely sub-

mistake, in my conception of Gov. Hayes, if he is the man to walk into the White

House over my slippery and doubtful road.

It is painful to hear this question discussed, as though it here a contested election between two candicates for Alderman in the Ninth Ward. It is partially to read that because a Vermont Elector was a village Postmaster, therefore the people of Vermont are to be partially disfranchised; that because a North Carolina Elector was a Commissioner North Carolina Elector was a Commissioner to the Centennial Exposition, therefore North Carolina is to lose a part of her voice in the national election; that since the tweny-second joint rule has not been re-enacted by the present Congress, therefere the presiding officer of the Senate may declare any body elected whom he chooses. Of course the forms of law must be respected, but these are all piddling objections that will be swept out of the way like autumn leaves by the breath of the people when they have the opportunity to pass their opinions upon them. You might as well attempt to oppose the law of gravitation by witchcraft as to settle this disputed Presidency by mere

legal conundrums. Are there no dangers confronting us? We have seen two Governors and two Legislatures at work in Louisiana at the same time, two Legislatures in Alabama, two in Arkansas, and two now in South Carolina. The spectacle of two Presidents and two Congresses would not be an edifying one, but it would not be a long step in advance of what we have already witnessed. Stress is laid on the fact that Gen. Grant will see Hayes duly inaugurated. The only form of inauguration known to the law is for the newly elected President to take an oath to support the constitution of the United States, and this he can do before any person authorized by law to administer oaths; and when he has taken it. Gen. Grant can not inaugurate him or disinaugurate him any farther. I am not one of those who think that the present financial cramp is due to political causes, but I can see that the disorder, confusion and uncertainty growing out of a double-barreled Government would produce far greater depression in business than any thing we have experienced since

the panic of 1873. If the Republican party is ready to adopt intimidation as an element in politics, and to substitute the judgment of Returning Boards in place of votes legally polled, it is a worse party than I supposed when I joined the Liberal movement in 1872. I do not think so badly of it as this. I think that all the present fuss is due to the anxiety of office-holders for their places, for which the great mass of the party have no sympathy, but, on the contrary, a well grounded con tempt. Accepting its defeat in a manly way, if it is defeated by a true count of the votes legally polled, the Republican party has a fair prospect o returning to power four years hence. At all events, it will be in a position to take ad vantage of the errors and shortcomings of its adversary. But, crawling into the Presidency over the ruin and subversion of the process of popular elections, it will be annihilated. It has already received such harm as its wisest leaders can with difficulty HORACE WHITE.

THE LOUISIANA CONSPIRACY.

The Statement of Six Gentlemen Whose Word Will be Taken Quite as Readily as That of Messrs Sherman, Garfield

NEW ORLEANS, December 1. To the People of the United States:

George Eliot says that the peculiar waving motion of the feelers of the common cockroach are not indicative of cerision or contempt, but are the expressions of an earnest soul vainly striving to grasp a vanishing idea.

An Accommodating Hotel Clerk.

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respondence may be attributed the ng Board to attend and be present eetings as spectators and witness its tings. Through this courtesy and /ices of a competent stenographer time possessed of all essential facts ed on the face of the official papers. e been furnished with a certified the duplicate statements of votes y the Commissioners of Elections at ace of voting in the State, and from tatements it appears that the Tiden received the following votes, to

sry. 83,719 De Blanc 83,667 fc. 83,880 Seary 83,842 rtin 83,676 Cobb. 83,579 the Hayes Electors received the folvotes, to-wit:

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FOR THE HAYES ELECTORS. ost cases the returns opened by the

ing Board corresponded with the cercopies of the statements of Comisof Election furnished us. The most pervisors of East Baton Rouge, ahoa and Orleans to forward the ents of votes from all voting-places r respective parishes. irty-five out of thirty-eight States in

ion these figures would be conclusive, one would claim that Tilden and icks were not entitled to the electoral f the State, but in Louisiana a trihas been set up which on former ocs has overthrown the will of the peo-expressed at the polls, and for which ower is now claimed at its discretion nge the result of the popular vote of cent election. In view, however, of turns, and the law and facts which I control the Returning Board, with we have made ourselves familiar, we no hesitation in saying that the result by the votes actually cast can not be ed without a palpable abuse of the and spirit of the law governing the ning Board and a manifest perversion of cts before it. Irregularities have been titted in some instances by officers conng elections and in making returns, nev are about as much on one side as ther, and as to intimidation and vioor other illegal acts preventing a free air election, there is evidence on both , but not of such a character as to affect eneral result. In most instances the of violence proceeded from mere law less, as in the case of Henry and Eliza iston, and had no connection with poli-It is a significant fact that in the pars where it is alleged that voters were t from the polls by intimidation the total of such parishes was as large as at any heretofore, and in the whole State is 00 above any vote heretofore cast. An est and fair canvass of the returns, even ter the Louisiana law, can not materially nce Tilden's majority as shown on the of the returns.

Signed]
IN M PALMER, GEO. B. SMITH,
MAN TRUMBULL, GEO W. JULIAN,
RIGLER, H. H. WATSON.

Christmas Festivities.

The common custom of decking the houses and churches at Christmas with evergreens is derived from ancient Druid practices. It was an old belief that sylvan sprites might flock to the evergreens, and remain there unnipped by frost till a milder season. The holly, ivy, rosemary, bay, laurel, and mistle-toe furnished the favorite trimmings, which were not removed till Candlemas. In old church calendars Christmas Eve is marked Templa exornantur (the temples are adorned). Holly and ivy still remain in England the most esteemed Christmas evergreens, though at the two universities the windows of the college chapels are decked with laurel. It,was an old English superstition that on Christmas Eve the oxen were always found on their knees, as in an attitude of devotion, and that after the change from old to new style they continued to do this only on the eve of old Christmas Day. This was derived from a prevalent mediæval no-tion that an ox and an ass, which were present at the Nativity, fell on their knees in a suppliant posture, as appears from numerous prints, and from the Latin poem of Sannazaro, in the 16th century. It was an ancient tradition. alluded to by Shakespeare, that midnight spirits forsake the earth and go to their own confines at the crowing of the cock. The Christmas celebrations have lost their primitive boisterous character, the gambols and carols are nearly gone by, and family reunions and evergreen trimmings are nearly all that remain of the various rough merriments which used to mark the festival. The last memorable appointment of a lord of misrule was in 1627, when he had come to be denominated "a grand captaine of mischiefe."-Appleton's American Cyclopædia.

An Interesting Discovery.

The main portion of the Babylonian antiquities just received at the British Museum, as the result of the last expedition of Mr. George Smith, was found near Hillah, a town about three miles north from the site of Babylon. They are chiefly tablets, mortgage-loans, promissory notes, records of the sale of lands, shares, and other commodities, representing, in fact, all the various commercial transactions of a Babylonian firm, who may be approximately described as Messrs. Gabi & Sons, bankers and financial agents. Many of the tablets represent the renewal of loans and mortgages, so that the documents referring to the first and the last of continuing transactions bear the dates of several different reigns. The dates thus extend from the fah of the Assyri-On our arrival here, in casting about for an empire to the reign of Darius Hymarks, and they are in many respects subversive of the recent chronology. The rate of interest in Babylon en loans was generally ten per cent., and much light is thrown on the social life of the Babylonians from the circumstances that witnesses of deeds are always described by their trade or profession. One of the tablets is dated in the reign of Belshazzar as king, being the first time his name has been found in connection with the royal dignity, previous inscriptions having had reference to the time when he was inscribed as son of Nabonidus.

A Facetious Suicide.

W. W. Bancroft, San Francisco agent for the Globe Tobacco Company, committed suicide at that place last week, and among his effects was found the following letter, addressed to the Coroner:

R. R SWAN, M. D., Coroner: Dear Sir-In order to save you as much trouble as possible, I beg to inform you that this is a having a reason, you may say I was driven to desperation by the Presidential muddle, s opened by the Returning Board in esence; and seeing no prospect of ascertaining in this world who was to be next President, went to the next, where all things are sup-posed to be known, for this information. Please exert your influence with the "City Fathers" to prevent the erection of a monument over my remains; but if you should find a wide-spread feeling on the part of the people to mark my last resting-place, you might let Mr. Young speak to Mr. Crocker and have it fenced in.

Respectfully, etc., W W. BANCROFT.

A Strange Coincidence.

It is a rather strange coincidence. that at the burning of two theaters in which were the greatest number of lives lost ever known-to wit, the Richmond Theater and the Brooklyn Theaterthe principal or most prominent actors in each were grandfather and granddaughter. At the former it was Spencer H. Cone, who afterwards became one of the most eloquent and prominent ministers of the Baptist Church, and who occupied the pulpit in the church corner of Broome and Elizabeth Streets for many years. His eldest son, Spencer W. Cone, was the father of Catherine Cone, who married Mr. Isadore Lyon, who now goes by the name of Kate Claxton .- New York

-The Empress of Germany is one of the most simply dressed of women, exept on occasions of ceremony. Her bills are said to be less in amount than those of the wives of many of the Berlin merchants. She not unfrequently is seen driving out in a calico dress, and the Princess Bismarck, fresh and comely, though past 62, superintends her farm work, goes about the house with a great bunch of keys at her girdle in the good old style, and her bedrooms are filled with knitted quilts and such articles, evidences of her own skill and industry.

-Among the rare books recently disposed of at the Menzie sale in New posed of at the Menzie sale in New York was a copy of Hi. den's "Polycronion. Fynysshed per Caxton, M. C. C. C. L. X. X. X. II." It was knocked down for \$1,005 to J. W. Drexel, the banker. Jeffries, of London, bid \$1,000 for it. The only other copy to be found in this country is contained in the Lennox Library. It cost \$6,500.